PROBABLE DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION--THE LIBERALS AND THE HOME RULERS-THE DARDANELLES - HASTENING

(Copyright, 1893; By the United Press.) London, Dec. 2.-The Cabinet Council yesterday discussed the question whether the closure should be used unrelentingly to hasten the Parish Councils bill through the House of Com-The majority decided that the best policy would be to give the Opposition still more license in its obstructive tactics.

The Unionists affect to believe that the Ministers are discouraged by the slow progress of Parliamentary business in view of the near approach of the end of the sitting. The Ministers, on the other hand, declare their readiness to keep the members in session until the last of January, and then prorogue Parliament formally, only to resume work after a few days. Part of the strength of the Government's lies in the fact that the Unionists find increasing trouble in keeping their members together. The Government majorities are increasing so noticeably in all ordinary divisions that even the Liberal-Unionists under Joseph Chamberlain are disheartened. The prospect is, therefore, that the Opposition, worn away by its own policy, will allow the Government to end the session without applying the closure. Probably the session will be closed before Christmas.

Austen Chamberlain, Liberal-Unionist Whip, and therefore the possessor of much valuable information as to party plans, has been telling his party's election agents that the general election will be held about next May. Acting upon this information, the Liberal-Unionist organizers have gone to work with a will to prepare for the appeal to the country. Inquiries made in Ministerial quarters and at the rooms of the Liberal Federation's Executive Committee, however, positively contradict Mr. Chamberiain's predictions. The response in every case was that, as the "one-man, one-vote" registration bill and other measures on the Liberal programme must be carried through the Commons before the dissolution, it would be impossible to go before the country until 1895.

The Unionist newspapers say, nevertheless, that the quietness of the Irish members is due to Mr. Gladstone's pledge that he will not defer the general election beyond the spring of 1894. The Irish leaders deny that this pledge has been given. Besides the Evicted Tenants measure, what really keeps the Irish in close touch with the Government is their growing confidence that even after Mr. Gladstone's death the Liberals will not depart from the Home Rule line of The loss of the great Liberal leader would now fail to disturb the Liberal-Nationalist coalition, because he has committed so many of his English followers to Home Rule, Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, Secretary of War; John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, and Herbert Asquith, Home Secretary, are all practical forces enlisted publicly and privately in the Irish cause. All are ever ready to show their desire to accelerate the realization of Mr. Asquith's curt manner of answering Irish questions has frequently caused offence to Irish members, and has led to open threats that the Irish would combine and make his post too hot for him. But in private conversation with the Irish leaders Mr. Asquith has made good his public shortcomings, and has restored his friendly relations with the Nationalists

Joseph Chamberlain's acceptance of the presidency of the local Constitutional Club marks decisively his entrance into the Conservative ranks. Whatever pretensions to Liberalism he may make hereafter will be regarded as hardly

The Government inquiry into the Dublin The Government inquiry into the Dubin dynamic plot is conducted under the Explosives act, which enables the court to be held behind closed doors. The police in Dublin have unusual privileges in making domiciliary visits and arresting suspicious characters. The inquiry made under the act into the outrage in Exchange Court, Dublin, last Christmas resulted in nothing, and the present inquiry bids fair to be as futile.

false. There is no fear here of a dynamite cam-paign, and the members of the Cabinet go about as freely and fearlessly as ever. Mr. Gladstone has told the House of Commons

Mr. Gladatone has told the House of Commons that if Russia obtains free passage for her fleet through the Dardanelles other Powers must have the same privilege, but his declaration has not removed the prevailing suspicion that Russia aims to secure and keep this privilege for herself alone. "The Speaker" published a dispatch from Constantinople to the effect that Russia and France are acting in concert to obtain this privilege as well as some others and Russia and France are acting in concert to obtain this privilege, as well as some others, and have made the Turkish authorities believe that the other Powers, including England, will not resist the Franco-Russian demand otherwise than by diplomatic pressure. It is an accepted opinion at the Golden Horn, says the correspondent, that Turkey, unless backed by the armed force of the Powers, must open the Straits to Russia alone, and thus make the dual alliance the mistress of Constantinople and all but the mistress of the Mediterranaen. "The Speaker's" comment upon the dispatch is:

"The free passage of all fleets through the Dardanelles must be secured. The end of Russia's supremacy upon the Black Sea would be a boon to Bulgaria and Rumania, and would make the Danube a real international highway."

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The Admiralty will expedite work on all the warships now in the dockyards. The construction of the necessary machinery also will be pushed toward completion. "The Army and Navy Gazette" complains of the delay in beginning the Majestic and Magnificent, the largest battleships ever designed. English navy officials deny that there has been any delay. It is certain that the Admiralty is moving in many directions almost as quickly as if it were war time. Besides the two battleships ordered from the Covernment yards, the estimates call for two from private builders. Twelve vessels of the torpedo-catcher class, with a speed of twenty-seven knots, are building on the Thames; five on the Clyde and five on the Tyne. Thirty-six more vessels of these classes are proposed. The new cruiser Powerful, designed to be the swiftest and strongest cruiser afloat, is also under contract. It will be the first of six sister cruisers. The Government clearly rely upon Parliament's readily approving an enormous increase of the estimates next spring.

The newspapers have allowed the periodical scare as to England's naval weakness to abate somewhat, but still print much matter on the subject. The most notable of recent contributions to the discussion is an interview with Sir Charles Dilke, who holds that England's Navy must be made strong enough to defeat and shut in all possible enemies at sea. He says that the French build better warships and better guns than do the English, have an unlimited supply of men to draw on, and possess in Toulon the strongest fortress of the world—a fortress absolutely invulnerable to attack. In an article in "The National Review" Lord George Hamilton, formerly First Lord of the Admiralty, dwells upon the multiplicity of duties devolving upon the English Navy, and demands practically the same naval strength as does Sir Charles.

THE QUEEN RECEIVES MR. AND MRS. POTTER.

Rome, Dec. 2.-Queen Margharita to-day gave an Rome, Dec. 2.—Queen Margnarita to-tay gave an audience to Mr. Potter, the American Minister, and Mrs. Potter. The Queen spoke at length on American life and showed great interest in all that was said pertaining to American affairs. She congratulated Mr. Potter upon the success of the Chicago Columbian Exposition, of which she said many persons had spoken to her with great enthusiasm.

ANALYZING THE VOTE ON THE MOTION FOR READMITTING THE ORDER.

THE DIVISION NOT ON STRICTLY PARTY LINES -CHANCELLOR VON CAPRIVI'S ADVAN-TAGE-FORFIGN NEGOTIATIONS-AMERI-CAN CONSULS ASSEMBLED

IN BERLIN.

(Copyright, 1893, By The United Press.) Berlin, Dec. 2.-In contrast with yesterday's exciting debate on the motion for the return of the Jesuits, the proceedings in the Reichstag today were rather quiet. Only minor measures were discussed. The House was almost empty up to the time of adjournment. Interest in the mixed voting on the motion for the return of the Jesuits is still alive. An analysis shows that the majority vote consisted of ninety-five Centrists, aimost the entire party; seventeen eight South German Democrats, three members of the Bayarian deputation, two Radical Unionists, ten members of the Radical People's party, Prince von Hohenlohe, Conservative; Hirschel, Anti-Semite, and Johansen, The minority cannot be grouped so statistically, being drawn from the Free Conservatives, the National Liberals, the Conservatives, of whom thirty left the house when the voting began, and the Anti-Semites. Werner and Bindewalt, Anti-Semites, declined to vote when their names were called. Among promi-

Eugen Richter, Heinrich Rickert and Count Herbert Bismarck. The division on the motion for the return of the Jesuits cannot be described as one on strictly parly lines. During the regime of Prince Bis-marck the tenacity with which he opposed the of forming a Cabinet on a broad political basis. party lines. During the regime of Prince Bisrevocation of the law of expulsion, even after the abatement of the Kulturkampf, prevented the splitting of the party groups on this question. When the proposal was last before the Reichstag, two years ago, Chancellor von Caprivi unmistakably declared against the Centre's motion. Yesterday the Government held entirely aloof from the debate. Among the Government's old supporters, the National Liberals, almost to a man, voted against the motion, following their

nent members voting with the minority were

The sum of the position is this: That the convictions, and that the Government, having still to negotiate for majorities on the commercial treaties and financial reforms, may find it reasonable no longer to oppose the repeal of the law of expulsion In negotiating for majorities, and also in dealing with the Vatican, Chancellor von Caprivi obtains through yesterday's vote a powerful advantage. It rests with the Government whether the vote shall be made effective by the Bundesrath.

Dr. Theodor Barth, writing in the "Wochen olatt," congratulates Germans upon winning golden opinions in America by their exhibits at the World's Fair. He thinks that Germany's exhibit made Emperer William's name popular throughout the United States.

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The negotiations with France as to the boundaries of the Cameroon hinterland and the Anglo-German agreement will begin on Monday. The Foreign Office desires to narrow the question to an examination to determine whether the Anglo-German convention agrees in geographical details with the international treaty of December, 1885. The German representatives will be Dr. Keyser, of the Colonial Office; Professor Dauchmann, a student of the country round Lake Tchad, and Herr Kiepert, the cartographer. France wishes to give matters a diplomatic twist, and desires foreign arbitration of the dispute. The trouble is complicated by the demand of the Belgian Congo State, which claims territory bordering on Lake Tchad. by the demand of the Belgian Congo State, which claims territory bordering on Lake Tchad. France professes to have regarded her own claims as beyond dispute.

Claims as beyond dispute.

Thanksgiving Day brought to Berlin every American Consul in the North German district, excepting those who were detained at home by iliness. The Consular group at the dinner in the Kaiserhof consisted of Consul-General Edwards, W. S. Carroll, from Dresden, and his deputy, Mr. De Soto; Frederick Opp. from Breslau; James Monaghan, from Chemiltz; Julius Muth, from Magdeburg; William Robertson and Charles Burke, from Hamburg; Edward Crane, from Hanover; Cyrus W. Field, from Brunswick, and Otto Doederlein, from Leipsic, The Consular conferences were held yesterday and to-day at the Consulate-General.

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Stories that London is in an Anarchist scare and that the Ministers now have special police protection have been started, but they all are false. There is no fear here of a dynamite camfalse.

IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR JOWETT. A FUND TO BE RAISED BY FRIENDS OF THE

LATE MASTER OF BALLIOL. London, Dec. 2.-A meeting was held at London University this afternoon to organize a fund for a memorial to Professor Jowett, Master of Balliol College, Oxford University, who died a short time ago. Arthur Wellesley Peel, Speaker of the House of Commons, presided. Among those present were Lord Sallsbury, Lord Halsbury, Lord Coleridge, Lord Salisbury, Lord Halsbury, Lord Coleridge, Lord Aberdare, Justice Bowen, Sir John Lubbock and Professors Caird and Jebb.
Lord Salisbury moved the adoption of a resolution of regret at the death of Professor Jowett and expressing the loss the country had sustained. Professor Jowett, he said, had not been guided by party. He stood as an example of unselfish devotion, and had been a purifying element in the society of his contemporaries. Lord Herschell, Lord High Chancellor, and Herbert Asquith, the Home Secretary, also eulogized the late professor.

It was decided to raise a fund to maintain and strengthen education at Balliol College, and that Ja portion of the fund should be applied to the erection of a memorial.

APPROVED BY THE REICHSTAG COMMITTEE. Berlin, Dec. 2.-The committee of the Reichstag to which was referred the commercial treaty with Spain has approved the treaty by a vote of 15 to 6. Madrid, Dec. 2.—The leading merchants and pro-ducers throughout Spain are not satisfied with the ducers throughout spain are gotiated by Spain with England, Germany and Italy. They will hold a meeting at Bilbao on December 9, for the purpose of protesting against various clauses of the treaties as hurtful to Spanish interests. The meeting will probably appoint delegates to wait upon the Government and lay the objections before it.

FOR A FRANCO-AMERICAN COMMERCIAL TREATY.

Paris, Dec. 2.-The Bordeau Society of Political Economy yesterday decided to ask the French Government to open negotiations with the American Government with a view to concluding a treaty of commerce between the two countries. The society best the Senators and members of the Chamber of Deputies representing the Depart-ment of the Gironde to use their influence in behalf

TO REFORM RACING ABUSES IN BELGIUM. Brussels, Dec. 2.-The Belgian Jockey Club is about to hold a meeting to inquire into charges of collusion between jockeys and bookmakers. Minister of Justice will prepare a law forbidding betting agencies in the towns, but allowing betting on specified courses. The measure will also fix the racing days. At the races at which betting is allowed all wagers will have to be made within enclosures, to which high rates of admission will be charged.

THE KAISER DENOUNCES GAMBLING. Berlin, Dec. 2.-Emperor William yesterday re Berlin, Dec. 2-Employers and afterward addressed the officers in the riding school. He made special reference to the gambling scandal, and admonished them against gambling and its attendant evils.

MASHONA CAPTIVES RESCUED

MATABELES, Cape Town, Dec. 2.-A dispatch from Fort Vic-

toria says that a burgher force, acting under orders from Cecil Rhodes, administrator of the British

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TO PROLONG THE SESSION. REICHSTAG AND THE JESUITS | South Africa Company, recently entered Matabeles and children who had been captured by Matabeles. The force secured 800 head of cattle belonging to King Lobengula.

BANK MANAGEMENT CRITICISED. ALLEGED NEED OF RECONSTRUCTING THE BANK OF ENGLAND DIRECTORATE.

London, Dec. 2.-"The Economist" publishes an article drawn forth by the recent rumors concerning the Bank of England, which had their origin in the enforced retirement of Chief Cashier May. The paper says that although the methods of the bank are not perfect, much of the recent criticism of the management was wide of its mark. During the regimes of the last two governors of the bank many improvement were effected. Errors of judgment occur in the management of the leading joint stock banks. It instances the case of the London and West-minster Bank, which recently advanced a loan on shares owing their value entirely to a mere

Westminster Gazette," quoting "Th "The Westminster Gazette." quoting "The Economist." adds that the transaction of the London and Westminster Bank has been discussed by the Board of Directors of that institution and may lead to a change in the management. The paper further says: "Certainly within recent years something has been lacking in the management of this great bank."

"The Statist," recurring to the necessity of reconstructing the directorate of the Bank of England under a Government administrator, asserts that the present candidates for the directorate include men whom it is not desirable should appear in the board. Among the present

should appear in the board. Among the present directors, it says, is one who recently was in difficulties. Others are known to be needy men.

ITALY STILL WITHOUT A CABINET

REDUCTIONS IN MILITARY AND NAVAL BUD GETS DEMANDED BY SIGNOR ZANARDELLI. Rome, Dec. 2.-Senators Sonaino and Saracc have declined positively to enter Zanar-lelli's Cabiand is now trying to organize one of members of the Left, among them Alessandro Fortis, the Radi-

King Humbert has had a long conference with Generals Cosenz, Ricotti and Primerano on the subject of army reforms.
Signor Zanardelli imposes as a condition of his neceptance of the Premiership that the military budget be reduced 20,000,000 lire and the naval budget 10,000,000 lire.
Extra police measures have been taken to guard against disturbances at the reopening of the Chamber of Deputies.

EX-PREMIER MERCIER'S SON ARRAIGNED. Reichstag, having free play, shows changed INQUIRING INTO THE CHARGE THAT HE AND TWO COMPANIONS TRIED TO BLOW UP THE

NELSON MONUMENT IN MONTREAL. Montreal, Dec. 2.-The preliminary examination of ex-Fremier Mercier's son and Messrs. Demarup the Nelson monument with dynamite, was begun in Judge Desnoyer's court this morning. Detective Lafontaine, of the city detective force, was the first witness examined. He testified that on came to the Central Police Station and said that son monument. Witness went with several con men, accompanied by the one who had given the information, arrived. They passed the monument and then returned to the spot, where they were arrested by the police. On one of them, young Pelland, a dynamite cartridge, with fuse attached, asked what they intended to do with the cartridge and they answered laughingly, "We intended to get rid of the monument."

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The witness was severely cross-examined by Mr. Mercier. He refused at first to give the name of the person who disclosed the scheme, but when ordered by the court said it was Gaston Hughes, son of the chief of police.

F. Braenerd, treasure of the Hamilton Powder Company, who was next examined, testified that the explosive found on Feliand was a regular in-inch by Pt-inch dualine cartridge, made by his company for blaying purposes, it contained about three-quarters of a pound of dualine. Witness had made an examination of the monament and found several cracks in which the cartridge could have been placed. He declared that even if the cartridge had been exploded in one of these holes by an unexperienced person it would have blown out only a portion of the stone. The defence were much pleased at this testimony and allowed the witness to retire without cross-examination.

Constable Southergill detailed the circumstances connected with the arrest of the young men. They made no resistance and seemed to treat the matter as a joke, Although they had been warned not to incriminate themselves, they had declared that their intention was to blow up the monument. At the close of Southergill sevilence the case was adjourned till next Saturday.

MAY CHALLENGE THE VICTORIA YACHT

Buda-Pesth, Dec. 2.-On Thursday night a trades man, after visiting a theatre, went into a coffee-house near by, where a gypsy band was playing. The tradesman ordered the band to play "Kossuth's Some," Some military officers objected to suth's Song. Some minitary officers objected to the playing of the song, and one of them attacked the tradesiman with a sword. The fighters finally got into the street, where the turnuit soon attracted a crowd. The latter sided against the officers, and a riot resulted. The police soon appeared in force, deprived the officers of their swords and dispersed the crowd. One policeman was wounded, and two arrests were made.

A WORLD'S FAIR IN LONDON PROPOSED London, Dec. 2.-The mayors of the leading cities and towns in Great Britain have received a circula signed by twenty-five members of the House of Commons and twenty-five other men, who have formed themselves into a committee to promote a scheme for holding an international exhibition in London. The scheme provides that the exhibition shall be on the largest scale. It will be held in 1896 or 1897.

FOR A NEUTRAL ZONE IN SIAM.

London, Dec. 2.-A dispatch to "The Standard" from Paris says it is believed that an Anglo-French commission will be nominated to proceed to Siam for the purpose of examining into and deciding upon a neutral zone between the French and British possessions.

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL ILL. London, Dec. 2.-Among the persons who are suf He intended to spend some days in the south of France, but has been compelled to postpone his visit until he recovers somewhat from the attack of the disease. He is confined to the house.

M. MILLERAND'S INJURY TRIFLING. Paris, Dec. 2.-M. Millerand, the Socialist, and wounded yesterday in a duel with M. Etlenne, was present in his seat in the Chamber of Depu-ties to-day. The extent of his injury can be judged

FRAGMENTS OF NEWS FROM EUROPE. Buda-Pesta, Dec. 2.—The Government submitted the Civil Marriage bill to the Diet to-day. It is believed, all statements to the contrary notwith-standing, that the Catholic bishops will not make a flerce opposition to the measure.

from this fact.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 2.—An important addition to Rusian trade facilities was initiated yesterday, when a train loaded with cotton from Turkestan started from Petrovsk, a port on the Caspian Sea, for Moscow. The cotton arrived at Petrovsk by ship. The new route, besides being shorter than others, is open at all seasons of the year.

London, Dec. 2.—Inspector Turreil, of Scotland Yard, and Mr. Hodson, an employe of the United States Embassy, have sailed from Southampton for New-York. Their ultimate destination is Jackson, Tenn., where they are to give evidence against William Lord Moore, who is charged with various frauds.

Rome, Dec. 2—The wife of a messenger of the royal household was selzed yesterday with a disease of a choleraic Lature. She and the members of her family have been taken to a hospital. London, Dec. 2.—A dispatch to the Central News from Barcelona says that the police continue to search houses suspected of being occupied by Anarchists, and that they have gained valuable information. Three Anarchists who were arrested yesterday are believed to have been implicated in the recent outrage at the Lyceum Theatre.

Paris, Dec. 2.—A dispatch from Biarritz states that Princess Frederica of Hanover is seriously ill there.

Ill there.

Copenhagen, Dec. 2.—It is expected that the betrothal of Prince Christian, eldest son of the Crown Prince of Denmark, and Princess Marguerite,

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youngest daughter of the Duc de Chartres, will soon be announced. Cairo, Dec. 2.-The Khedive this morning opened the railway connecting Ismailia with Port Said The British gunboat Dolphin saluted the Khedive Vienna, Dec. 2.—The iron ring has collapsed. It was formed in 1890. If the Bohemian and Moravian fromworks would have remained in the ring it would have been renewed.

PERE HYACINTHE STILL A CATHOLIC. Paris, Dec. 2.-Pere Hyacinthe and his wife recived at their Neuilly home to-day a reporter who wished to learn the truth of the report that the priest had been converted to Protestantism. Color was given to the report by the announcement that he would preach the Advent sermons in the Protestant Chapel, Rue Taitbout. Fere Hyacinthe said that he was no nearer becoming a Protestant than formerly. He was a Roman Catholic and would remain so, although objecting to Rome's errors. He had preached in the Protestant Chapel in previous years, although under the auspices of an undenominational society. His Advent sermons would begin to-morrow. One of them would be devoted to discussing the Chicago Congress of Religions. who wished to learn the truth of the report

A FINE HOSPITAL OPENED IN MONTREAL, Montreal, Dec. 2.-Lord Aberdeen this afternoon opened the new Victoria Hospital, built by Lord Mount Stephen and Sir Donald Smith, at a cost of more than \$1,000,000.

HIGHER DUTIES ON RUSSIAN GOODS AP-PROVED. Berlin, Dec. 2.-The Reichstag to-day formally approved the action of the Bundesrath in raising the customs duties upon Russian imports during the tariff war of last summer.

ASSEMBLYMAN MALBY'S FORECAST.

LEGISLATURE SHOULD PASS THIS WINTER.

Ruffalo, Dec. 2 (Special) - Assemblyman George R. Malby reached town to-day, coming soon after the departure of Hamilton Fish, his rival for the Speakership. He said he had every reason to bespeakership. He said he had received, Judging from the latest assurances he had received. This is Mr. Mailby's outline for the Legislature this winter: "The first thing to do is to restore the city governments that were attacked. I believe in home rule as a principle, and the Republican party in this State is piedged to home rule for municipalities as a result of the late election. After righting these wrongs we should proceed to give the people ballot reform. We should maintain the secrecy of the ballot, but should do away with the multiplicity of ballots; and we must do away with the paster ballot, which is a source of much intimidation and corruption. We should have a fair and reasonable revision of the tax laws, Our present laws run back to colonial days. They are far benimite times, and if devolves upon the Republican Legislature to give the people a better system of taxation. We should make economical appropriations, i do not believe a short session is specially desirable, nor yet a long session. The session should be long enough to be deliberate, and yet not so long as to breed corruption. There is always more corruption in the last week of a Legislature than at any other time." lieve that he would be elected, judging from the than at any other time."
"Do you fear the Democratic threat of controlling "To you fear the behavior the Senate".
"I think the Democrats have received such a lesson against political thievery that they will not attempt it again for a while. I don't say that the leaders have not the will, but, looking forward to next year, they are cautious."

SENATOP VANCE FOR STATE BANK TAX REPEAL.

Baltimore, Dec. 2 - Senator Vance, of North Caro-ina, is an ardent advocate of the repeal of the tax on State bank notes. He thinks that a bill looking to this end will be introduced at the coming ses-London, Dec. 2—"Field" says that a challenge will be sent from the New-York Yacht Club to the Victoria Yacht Club for an international gold challenge cup race. Two different sets of yacht-owners are ready to challenge, "Field" says, the only point under consideration being whether one of the America's Cup defenders shall be selected or a new vessel be built for the purpose.

It is not thought by yachtsmen on this side of the water that a challenge for the Royal Victoria Cup will be sent over this year. As the Valkyrie is still in America, the big sloops will remain here to race her next year. The project of challenging for the cup has been much discussed among American yachtsmen, but so far the discussions have residted in nothing definite.

"KOSSUTH'S SONG" STARTS A RIOT.

Buda-Pesth, Dec. 2—On Thursday night a trades. sion of Congress, and strongly advocated by most

RUTHERFORD REPUBLICANS REJOICE. The Republicans of Rutherford, N. J., celebrated the recent victory of good citizenship in New-Jersey, on Friday night, by a "chowder," given by the Lincoln League at its headquarters in the Shafer Ruilding, J. C. Shenek, president of the league, was in the chair, and speeches were made by Assemblyman-elect David D. Zabriskie, of Ridgewood; Coroner Jacob H. Ullmann, of Carl-stadt; Mayor Luther Shafer, William McKenzle, ex-Freeholder A. W. Van Winkle, H. J. Ronalds, S. T. Davy and others.

THE WILL OF EZEKIEL H. TROWBRIDGE.

New-Haven, Conn., Dec. 2.-The will of Ezeklel H. Trowbridge, of this city, one of the directors of the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad, was admitted to probate to-day. The bulk of his was admitted to probate to-day. The bulk of his estate he leaves to his widow and to his son. E. Hayes Trowbridge. The public bequests, all to local institutions are as follows: Home for Aged and Destitute Women. 25.00; First Ecclesiastical Society of New-Haven, (Centre Church), 5,000; New-Haven Orphan Asylum, 25.00; Theological Seminary connected with Yale College, 25.00; Ladles, Home Missionary Society of the First (Centre) Church, 25,000. The total amount of public bequests is \$19,500. The estate is valued at \$2,000,000.

LARGE BEQUESTS TO CHARITIES SUSTAINED. Portland, Me., Dec. 2.—The late Joseph L. Walker left an estate of \$22,000 to trustees to be devoted to charitable and educational purposes, according to charitable and exacational purposes, according to the trustees' discretion. The sole surviving trus-tee is Frederick Fox. The heirs disputed the val-idity of the will, and the case was referred to the court. A decision was received this afternoon which sustains the will, and the property will be divided a long various charities according to the discre-tion of Mr. Fox. The decision is of importance to local institutions.

NOVEL FEATURES AT A BAZAR.

The Thirtieth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been established since 1840, will hold a "ladies' bazar" in the pariors of the church on the afternoons and evenings of December 5, 6, 7 and 8. There will be a musical programme each evening, and among the novel features will be a display of dressed dolls. There will be a competition among the young women as to who has dressed the prettiest one. There will also be a ladies' cake match.

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RAPID TRANSIT AFFAIRS,

THE QUESTION OF A BIDDER FOR THE ELEVATED FRANCHISE DEPOSITING MONEY AS AN EVIDENCE OF GOOD FAITH.

The rapid transit situation has been cleared up somewhat by the correspondence between John M. Bowers, counsel for the Commission, and General James P. R. O'Beirne, who represents S. L. Simpson, the banker, of No. 50 Broadway, and a syndicate. Some of the correspondence between Gen-eral O'Beirne and members of the Commission was made public yesterday. There has been a great amount of talk at the recent meetings of the Commission concerning the power of the Commission to accept a deposit from an alleged syndicate as a guarantee of good faith. The subject was settled, so far as the Commission is concerned, yesterday by Mr. Bowers in the following letter to General O'Heirne:

by Mr. Bowers in the following letter to General O'Beirne:
"Dear Sir: In answer to your note of November 27 to the Rapid Transit Commissioners I can only repeat to you in writing what I stated orally at the meeting of the Board on Tuesday.
"The Rapid Transit Commissioners have no power to make any conditions whatsoever with any person proposing to deposit money or bonds as an earnest of good faith or responsibility. If you wish to make such deposit you can send it to the Controllet of the city, with the statement that you do so as an earnest of good faith and responsibility in proposing to bid upon the proposed elevated franchise; and that you may thus show such good faith you will necessarily state to the Controller that in the event of your failure to bid the money shall be given to the city."

A NEW MANAGER FOR THE MORTON HOUSE.

SHERIDAN SHOOK TO TAKE PERSONAL CHARGE OF THE HOTEL IN UNION SQUARE.

The Morton House, at Broadway and Fourteentht., facing Union Square, is about to take a new lease of life under a new management. For the last year this well-known hotel has not been making returns satisfactory to its lessee, Sheridan Shook. Mr. Shook said last evening in regard to the changes contemplated:

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"The Morton House has one of the finest locations in New-York, and there is no reason why the house should not be as popular as any hotel in the city. Charles E. Vernam, who has been the proprietor and manager for the last nine years, has run the affairs of the house well, but he has been in fil-health lately, and has not been able to give to the business that close personal attention and supervision that is the great requisite of a first-class hotel.

"I shall take charge of the Morton House myself now, and I shall manage the place personally. I shall try to make it just the popular hotel it should be. With the best of accommodations, good service, popular prices, and the central location the Morton House ought to be on top. Later, I may engage a manager, but at present I shall run the place personally.

The Morton House is a valuable part of the undivided estate of the late Cortlandt Palmer.

IS JOHN C. AUSTIN ALIVE?

THIS QUESTION WILL COME UP IN AN IN-TERESTING INSURANCE CASE THIS WEEK. The Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association will appear as defendant in an interesting suit in Supreme Court this week. The case involves \$15,000, amount of the insurance in that company on the life of John C. Austin, of Brooklyn. The executor of John C. Austin's will is satisfied, he says, that of John C. Austin's will is satisfied, he says, that
Austin is dead. The insurance company says he
is alive. That is the point at issue in the case.
John C. Austin was a well-known man in shipping circles. His death is said to have occurred
at Manhattan Heach on July 4, 1891. It is alleged
that he was drowned while bathing there on that
day. A man took Room No. 391 in the bathing
pavillon there on that day. He placed his valuabies in a package, and wrote across it with a lead
pencil, "John C. Austin, No. 1,114 Dean-st., Brooklyn." This bit of evidence is to be used as one of
the strong points in the trial this week. On the
other hand, the company will produce a photokraph of Austin, said to have been taken since
his alleged disappearance. A few days before Austin's surposed death he got a policy for \$10,000
from the United States Mutual Accident Association. Both companies have made investigations,
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IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS.

The long-disputed question of the superiority of the bievele over the horse, in point of speed and endurance, will have light shed upon it at the coming twenty-five mile race between J. J. Alexandre, the horseman, and C. W. Ashinger, the bicyclist, to be held at Madison Square Garden. andre, the norseman, and the street of the bicyclist, to be held at Madison Square Garden, Saturday evening, December 9, Alexandre has arrived in the city and spends his time riding himself into condition. His two horses are in fine racing fettle now, and Alexandre makes his lightning changes at the end of each mile with the celerity born of long practice. He is confident of winning. The same can be said of Ashinger, who is hard at work near Winchester, Va., getting in trim for the contest.

The question to be decided is not alone the relative merits of Alexandre over Ashinger, but the "horse versus bloycle" discussion. Ashinger is a splendid sample of the present day long-distance bloycle rider, and Alexandre is well entitled to represent the horse-loving community. That the bicycle has ceased to be an article solely used for pleasure and exercise is conceded on all sides, and experiments tending to show its utility as compared with the horse have attracted much attention. Saturday's race, it is thought, will prove a square test.

A NEW PEATURE IN BILLIARD MATCHES. One of the most surprising features of the match in Chicago between "Wizard" Jacob Schaefer and Frank Ives, the "Young Napoleon of Billiards," was the use by the referee, Henry Rhines, of a magnifying-glass to decide claims of "freezes" on magnifying-glass to decide claims of "freezes" on the "anchor nurse." No billiard lover in this city has ever seen a magnifying-glass used as that implement was employed in the Chicago match. The fact that its use there occasioned a good deal of comment was noteworthy. The introduction of such an ald, which, it is conceiled, will be better than the exercise of the keenest eyesight in deciding "freezes," introduces into billiards something which is not only novel, but which may do away with all possible claims that the eyes of the referee are at fault. Experts at the game know that the billiard balls are not always at perfect rest when played upon a table which is put upon a springy floor, when the restiveness of a large audience, changing about from place to place, may impart motion to the platform, particularly when such motion may communicate itself to the table and, therefore, may have an influence upon the balls.

READY FOR THE BIG SALE OF TROTTERS. The great sale of Trotters by Tattersalls at the Madison Square Garden will begin on Tue December 5, and will be continued day and evening until the 600 horses that are entered are dis

ing until the 400 horses that are entered are disposed of. Nearly all the horses have arrived, and are quartered at the Garden. They appear to be in excellent condition. Many of them are magnificent specimens of the trotter.

Arrangements have been made so that every horse led into the ring can be shown in harness, as a safe dirt track extends around the Garden.

To-day Milliard Saunders will give speed exhibitions at Fleetwood Park with some of the horses that are to be offered, Intending buyers will have every opportunity to examine the trotters before the sale, as the Garden will be open for visitors to-day and to-morrow. There will be an electricilight exhibition to-morrow night. The great sale will begin promptly at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

THE NEW-YORK ATHLETIC CLUB SMOKER. The Board of Governors of the New-York Athetic Club are making every effort to letic Club are making every effort to arrange enjoyable entertainments for the members in the clubhouse. The second smoking concert of the season was held in the gynnasium at the clubhouse, at Fifty-fifth-st., last night. A large number of the members was present. The Entertainment Committee was arranged as follows: George D. Phillips, chairman; Charles La Burnham, Francis G. Landon, W. R. Baasett.

Those who helped to entertain the clubmen were Miss Ida Howell, vocalist: George H. Wiseman, barytone; Mrs. Alice Shaw, whistler; Joseph Flynn, vocalist: "Billy" Carter, banjoist; the Girards, acrobats; Mile. Ottilile, Prench songs and dances; Lyla Kavanaugh, vocalist; Helene, Spanish dancer; Miss Lillle Towner, accompanist.

"SNAPPER" GARRISON A STARTER.

E. H. Garrison, the jockey, is now a starter, havg taken the place of R. McCann, who was de-sed at the Benning's track for leaving three of the favorites in a race at the post. Garrison is emulating the example of J. Rowe and J. McLaughlin, both of whom took up starting as a calling when their careers as jockeys and trainers were at an end. Should Garrison become as popular as a starter as he was as a jockey the chances are that his services will be sought for by the Pony Racing Association next year.

MAYOR STUART STOPS THE RACES. Philadelphia, Dec. 2.-The second day's racing of

Philadelphia, Dec. 2.—The second day's racing of the Philadelphia Hunt Club was stopped by Mayor Stuart, who warned the lessess of Point Breeze Park that he would make a raid on the track and arrest the responsible officials if they persisted in permitting bookmaking and poolselling in violation of the law. This was a rather sad blow to the Gloucester contingent, who were the chief patrons of yesterday's races.

THE SLAWSON WILL CASE ALMOST ENDED. The Slawson will case, which has been occupying the attention of the Middlesex County Court, of the attention of the Middlesex County Court, of New-Jersey, since last August, is now nearly fin-ished. The case has been a long and tedious one, and has attracted great interest in legal and medical circles. Mrs. Caphise L. Slawson made a will at Lyona, this State, in 1887, bequeathing five-

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THE JAPANESE FAIR,

sixths to one daughter, Mrs. Alken, and one-sixth to her other daughter, Mrs. Seddon. When Mrs. Slawson died in New-Brunswick, her daughter, Mrs. Alken, filed the will for probate, and W. Is Seddon, husband of the other daughter, who had died, entered a caveat on behalf of his child. Sallie Seddon, aged twelve years. Mr. Seddon alleges that undue influence was exerted by Mrs. Alken with her mother to secure the larger part, and therefore filed the caveat on the ground that Mrs. Slawson did not possess sufficient testamentary capacity. The estate is valued at \$50,000. The counsel in the case for Mrs. Alken are Attorney-General John P. Stockton, of Trenton; Exsentor George Vanderblit, of Princeton, and W. Holt, of Trenton. Counsel for the caveator are ex-Judge Hoffman, of Freehold; C. H. Herbert, of New-Brunswick, and W. Simmes, of Baltimors, in the trial, expert medical testimony was given by Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, of New-York; Dr. Ward, of the Trenton Insane Asylum, and several physicians in New-Brunswick.